

Walter L. Yarn Repudiated Now By L. A. Official

In a letter to Carroll S. Ashley, registrar of unemployment at the Chamber of Commerce, D. C. MacWaters, general manager of the Los Angeles Community Welfare Federation which operates the Community Chest, states: "Replying to your letter of the eighth, I beg to say that no one in our Publicity department furnished information to the effect that 'Walter L.' came from Torrance and it is undoubtedly a mistake of the (Los Angeles) newspaper. "We are delighted to learn of the splendid arrangements made by Torrance for taking care of the unemployed and relief situation and sincerely hope that we may be equally successful in our efforts to meet the unusual situation in Los Angeles."

Thus, it is generally conceded here that the "Walter L." story concerning a man who walked from Torrance to the city hall in Los Angeles to find employment to feed his family was a fictitious yarn calculated to arouse sympathy.

County's Health Is In Good Condition

Los Angeles County continues to rank as one of the healthiest regions in the United States according to the first quarterly report of 1931 made by Dr. J. L. Pomeroy, county health officer. Communicable disease in the county is but 50 per cent of the seasonal expectancy, a condition especially noteworthy because it is significant of increasing prosperity. Dr. Pomeroy states, since disease cases almost invariably increase with "hard times". Most of the reportable diseases in the county run from 20 per cent below the average in number for the same season for the past five years to more than 75 per cent below normal. It is shown in the report that the county health department area of 2,400 square miles, including 35 incorporated cities under contract with the county health department for health services.

Mayor's Proclamation On Public School Week

All citizens are respectfully requested to assist in the proper observance of the Twelfth Annual Celebration of CALIFORNIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS WEEK which will be held throughout the state during the week beginning April 20.

In view of the fact that our public school system has been largely responsible for the position of leadership which our country now occupies in all matters of human endeavor, it is fitting and proper that we take this opportunity of showing our appreciation of what our public schools have done for us. In order that they may continue to be a great influential factor in moulding the minds and hearts of future citizens, we bespeak hearty cooperation with those who have our schools in charge.

Let all our people join in the celebration of CALIFORNIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS WEEK by visiting the schools, attending the exhibits and meetings scheduled here for Friday evening, April 24, and showing in every way their appreciation of the importance of public education.

(Signed) JOHN DENNIS, Mayor, City of Torrance.

Ramona Pageant Opens Saturday



By C. N. E. A. Service ing Helen Hunt Jackson's famed novel, to be presented with a cast of 200 in the Ramona Bowl at Hemet.

With advance reservations breaking all records, festive preparations are being completed for the opening of the 1931 Ramona Pageant, a spectacular open-air play glorifying early California romance, at 2:45 o'clock the afternoon of Saturday, April 18, in the Ramona Bowl at Hemet. The colorful drama is to be repeated the afternoons of April 19, 25, 26 and May 2 and 3. Heralded as one of the outstanding events of the 1931 California Fiesta Year, sponsored by the California State Chamber of Commerce, the community, non-profit play will present a cast of 200, directed by Phil Whiting, who staged the 1929 and 1930 productions and the 1930 Fiesta de Los Angeles. An imposing array of prominent Californians has consented to act as patrons and patronesses for the 1931 presentation, which promises to outshine all previous productions both in colorful features and attendance.

42.6 Cents Is Average Cost of Meals Now

By the United Press Eating is cheap enough in California. The average cost of a meal is 42.6 cents. This was disclosed by a survey made of restaurants in the state by the bureau of hotels, restaurants and purveyors for trade. "Meals out" are getting cheaper, the report disclosed, for the average check in 1929 was 45 cents. Every dollar spent in California restaurants last year brought 43.5 cents worth of food, a 1.4 per cent decrease over 1929. Of the remainder of the dollar, 34.6 cents represented labor costs. And 21.9 cents went for rent, equipment and remuneration for the proprietor. Dispensing of food is the biggest industry in California, the study revealed.

News of Lomita

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High School Romance Leads to Marriage

LOMITA.—A romance of San Pedro High school days culminated Saturday afternoon when Miss Helen Fenton and Anthony Marusch of the class of 1927 were united in marriage at Mary, Star of the Sea, church. The Rev. Father Anthony Jacobs performed the ceremony. Mrs. Paul Hoffman and Mrs. George Shapiro sang presiding the ceremony. The bride wore a long fitted gown of white satin with a veil of tulle dotted with orange blossoms. Her flowers were bride's roses and lilies of the valley. Miss Florence Shelley was maid of honor and the bridesmaids were Misses Frances Marusch, Florine Higgins, Evelyn Saylor, and Evelyn Kristie. Marusch was attended by Nick Felando, and George Marusch, Peter Powell, Vincent Amalfitano and Andrew Woodburn were ushers.

Saturday evening a dinner was served to the bridal party and members of the families at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Cyril H. Fenton, 2379 267th street. Following the dinner a reception for the bride and groom was held at the home of the groom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. Marusch of San Pedro, several hundred invited guests being present. Following a motor trip, Mr. and Mrs. Marusch will be at home at 1389 Santa Cruz street, San Pedro.

PROSPECTIVE P. T. A. OFFICERS ARE NAMED

LOMITA.—Mrs. E. A. Parsons, chairman of the nominating committee of the Lomita P. T. A., presented the following names to be voted on at the annual election in May: Mrs. L. A. Stump for president; Mrs. F. Hertzberg and Mrs. E. M. Mosher for first vice president; Mrs. A. J. Young and Mrs. M. A. Kerber for second vice president; Mrs. Jane McGeorge Rye for third vice president; Mrs. Ward Gilhousen and Mrs. H. I. Calkins for financial secretary; Mrs. G. A. Carvill and Mrs. M. A. McDonald for treasurer; Mrs. F. P. Anderson and Mrs. W. K. Weber for historian; and Mrs. R. M. Jones and Mrs. C. B. Airey for auditor.

OPEN INSTALLATION

LOMITA.—With Walter Combellack of Long Beach as master of ceremonies, Lomita Court of the Amaranth will hold an open installation Thursday, April 16, at 8 p. m.

"DINNER PAIL" HAS NEW OWNER IN LEGIONNAIRE

LOMITA.—J. E. Forrest of San Francisco has leased the Dinner Pail from Miss Lorraine Elliott and Forrest is an active member of the American Legion and Disabled Veterans organizations, having served during the World War with the 328th Air Squadron.

PLAY CAST AND DIRECTOR HONORED AT LUNCHEON

LOMITA.—Mrs. Chester Marxmiller, president of the Orange Street P. T. A., entertained at an elaborate luncheon Wednesday in honor of the director and cast of the play, "Clubbing a Husband." The proceeds of the play, amounting to about \$100, will be used to start a cafeteria for the Orange Street school. During the luncheon, the director, Miss Paddock, was presented a gift of money by Mrs. Marxmiller, who in her speech of presentation, stated that the cast had been unable to agree upon a present so wanted her to buy her own. Bridge was enjoyed after the luncheon. Invited guests were Mesdames Vera Goodenow, Edna R. Haslam, Estelle Gilkeson, Carrie Williams, Mildred E. Kurtz, Margaret Peighal, Hazel Walker, Gertrude Beckham, Frances Hathaway, Louise Weissmann, Elsie Syrett, Maude Eade, Miss Fanny Pirner and Miss Birda Paddock.

LIQUOR OFFENDERS ARE SENTENCED IN COURT

LOMITA.—John Maylan, 2749 Pine street, was fined \$100 or 30 days in Judge Dennis' court Friday afternoon, the charge being possession of liquor. Seventy-five dollars of the fine was suspended. Saturday morning Mrs. Virginia Wildman, 1521 Narbonne, pleaded guilty to ownership of three cases of gin and numerous empty bottles, jugs and barrels found in the garage at that address. Judge Dennis pronounced a sentence of \$300 or 60 days with \$150 or 50 days suspended for six months. Mrs. Wildman paid the fine.

MARRIAGE CEREMONY

HARBOR CITY.—Monday Miss Helen Myerscough, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Myerscough of 258th street, became the bride of Forest Wayne Meyers, of the U. S. S. West Virginia, the ceremony taking place this week at St. Peter and Paul's church, Wilmington. Rev. Father Schiaparelli officiating. The couple will make their home in Wilmington.

BAUTZER WINS

LOMITA.—Word has been received from Gregson Bautzer, son of Mrs. Charles M. Smith, that he won first place in the International Oratorical contest in Honolulu. Bautzer represented U. S. C.

CHURCH ELECTS OFFICERS

LOMITA.—Officers elected to serve the Lomita Community church for the coming year are as follows: Elders, Robert McCartney, Donald Douglas, Dawson Trisman, Carl Gerdes and R. H. Stevenson; trustees, Dan Naulty, Mrs. M. P. Richey, Mrs. P. Schriver, Frank Sijen and Dawson Trotman; deacons, Mrs. P. Schriver, Mrs. E. H. Racer, Mrs. Lucy Newman, Mrs. Dan Naulty and Mrs. Maurice Parbois; organist and chorister, Harold Conckley.

"Scholarship" Is Theme for School

LOMITA.—Thursday was Scholarship Day at Narbonne High school and a recognition assembly was held in the afternoon at which Arthur Gould, assistant superintendent of Los Angeles city schools, spoke and presented to the school the Phi Beta Kappa Book of Orations. Miss Wilma Wilder, winter class of 1931, and Miss Olive Edwards, of the summer class 1931, received life membership pins. Narbonne now has 24 life members. It also has the honor of being one of the 34 original chapters of the California Scholarship Federation which was conceived in 1921.

The annual banquet for scholarship and honor students was held in the cafeteria Thursday evening. Junior honor students served the dinner, while Mr. Volger and Mrs. Peterson acted as patrons, with Miss Olive Edwards as toastmistress. "April Showers" was the idea carried out in the decorations and favors. Miss Beatrice Woods and her committee furnished musical and amusement numbers. Special guests were Miss Marie Stiff, sponsor, Miss Griffin and members of the faculty, and former life members.

Order Title Search On Sepulveda Blvd.

Because of the scope of the property involved in the proposed condemnation suit to obtain the right-of-way for the projected improvement of Sepulveda boulevard, the City Council authorized the Title Insurance and Trust company to proceed with a search of titles to 131 pieces of property along the boulevard's route at a cost of \$1665 to the city.

This condemnation guarantee will become a part of the information submitted to the referee in the condemnation suit to be brought in the near future to obtain the boulevard's right-of-way and the cost will become part of the incidental expenses to be borne by three assessment zones. City Engineer Leonard has estimated that the search will cost between \$12 and \$13 per each parcel of land. The search will take from two to three weeks to complete.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Robert George, at a Los Angeles hospital, Saturday, April 11, a son.

Tract May Revert Back to Farm Land

If no sales have been made on a portion of the McDonald Tract which was to have been improved with streets, the subdivision which was never completed may revert back to its original state of farm land. This was the decision of the council in regard to a request from Mary E. Daugherty that the land in question be abandoned for the purpose of street improvement. At the present time the County Board of Supervisors hold contractors' bonds which could become the property of Torrance as this city now includes the land. An investigation to determine if any sales have ever been made on the tract was ordered.

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